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Venice, January 4. N. S.

LEtters from Rome ſay, that on the 17th of the laſt Month the Marquis de Prié had a long Conference with the Cardinal Paolucci, at which it was expected the Accommodation between the Courts of Vienna and Rome would be wholly concluded; but the Pope has not thought fit to comply with the Demands made by the Marquis. Copies of the Propoſitions of the Germans have been delivered to the Cardinals, with the Pope's Anſwer annexed to them. While things are in this doubtful State, the Court of Rome receives daily Advices of the Ravage which is committed in the Eccleſiaſtical Territories by the German Troops. The Prince of Darmſtadt is arrived with 4000 Men at St. Germano, and demands Proviſions of the Pope's Subjects for the Subſiſtence of his Troops. At the ſame time a Body of 1500 German Horſe are advanced to Aſcoli, and live upon free Quarter on the Frontiers of the Abruzzo. The French Miniſters, and thoſe of the Court of Madrid, viſit the Cardinals together, and proteſt againſt whatever ſhall be concluded at Rome to the diſadvantage of the Duke of Anjou, and particularly againſt the Recognition of King Charles. It is ſaid, the Pope has thoughts of retiring to Avignon, and that the Miniſters of France preſs him to that Reſolution. His Majeſty of Denmark is now in this City: Upon that King's Notification of his Arrival, the Senate appointed Cavalier Erizzo, late Ambaſſador-Extraordinary to the Queen of Great Britain, the Cavaliers Moroſini and Nani, who have ſerved the State as Ambaſſadors to the Court of Rome, and the Cavalier Delfino, late Ambaſſador at Vienna, to attend his Majeſty. Theſe Miniſters wait upon the King when ever he appears in Publick.

Genoa, January 6. N. S. Letters from Barcelona of the 27th of the laſt Month bring us an Account, that the Men of War and Tranſports, which ſailed from Vado, were arrived ſafe, and had landed their Troops in good Condition; that the French were then Maſters of the Town of Alicant, but the Citadel was in a Poſture of defending it ſelf for ſome time. Sir Edward Whitaker being arrived at Barcelona, ſet Sail, upon the preſſing Inſtances of King Charles, on the 25th, for Leghorn; to which Place, 'tis ſuppoſed, he is at preſent returned. Theſe Letters add, that Mareſchal Staremberg and General Stanhope were both in Perſon at the late Attempt to ſurprize Tortoſa; and ſay, that tho' the Allies had been three Days on their March before they came up to the Place, they took the Patrole on both ſides of the Town, and had fixed their Ladders againſt the Walls before they were diſcovered. They made three Attacks, each with 1000 Men; two of thoſe Aſſaults failed; the third ſucceeded ſo far that they got into the lower Town, but before they could advance to the laſt Gate, the Garriſon drew together on that ſide, and barricadoed the Gate in ſuch manner that there appeared no Poſſibility of forcing it; but the Allies continued in the lower Town all the ſucceeding Day, killed the Governor and Town-Major, and took about 50 Priſoners, among whom were a Lieutenant-Colonel and 8 Officers, before they retired.

Vienna, Jan. 9. N. S. The Diet of the Empire having conſented, that the Emperor, as King of Bohemia, ought to have a Vote in the Electoral College, his Imperial Majeſty has appointed Count Francis Wratiſlaw to repreſent him in his Quality of Elector; and the Count, having received his Commiſſion and Inſtructions, is gone to Ratisbonne. The Abbot of Kempten being named Preſident of the Aulick Council, in the room of the deceaſed Count Oetting, he is ſoon expected here to take Poſſeſſion of his new Office. Some Officers who are arrived here from the Imperial Quarters in the Mountains of Upper Hungary, bring an Account of the Expedition lately made in thoſe Parts by the Baron of Ebergenny, Lieutenant-General of his Imperial Majeſty's Forces; who having reduced the Caſtles of Bize, Budatin, Biſtritz and Littova, has recovered out of the Hands of the Malecontents the whole County of Trenſchin. They add likewiſe, that the Hungarians have drawn together many of their Forces towards thoſe Mountains, and that the Villages thereabouts being all filled with Hungarian Troops, the Germans are obliged to ſtand carefully on their Guard, for fear of a Surprize. Our laſt Advices from Italy tell us, That Mareſchal Thaun ſtill advanced nearer to Rome, the better to ſupport the Marquis of Prié's Negotiation at that Court: When thoſe Letters were diſpatched, the Van-guard of the German Army lay at Peſaro. The Villages in the Neighbourhood of this City have been lately allarmed by the Paſſage of a Party of the Malecontents over the Leyta; but the Hungarians, after having pillaged an open Place, immediately retired with their Booty. However, for the greater Security, it has been thought fit to double the Guards of the Lines without the Suburbs. They write from Upper Hungary, that Lieutenant-General Ebergenny, ſince his reducing the whole County of Trenſchin to his Imperial Majeſty's Obedience, has likewiſe taken the Caſtle of Owar, which important Place covers the County of Trenſchin, and commands the Paſs between Turocz and Arava. This Day the Diverſions of the Carnaval began by a Courſe of Sledges. Prince Lamberg, Maſter of the Horſe, went firſt, driving an empty Sledge; then followed the Emperor, driving the Sledge wherein the Empreſs ſate; the Eldeſt Arch-Dutcheſs was drove by Prince Maximilian of Hanover, and the youngeſt by Count Philip of Dietrichſtein. The Ladies of the Court were drove by the Noblemen, according to their reſpective Quality. The Gentlemen and Ladies were richly cloathed, and the Sledges adorned with ſo much Art and Expence, that the Entertainment appeared very Magnificent. The Diverſion of the Day will be concluded with a Ball at Court.

Berlin, January 12. N. S. Orders are ſent to 22 Squadrons of Horſe and Dragoons, and 3 Battalions of Foot, to be in a readineſs for marching about the latter end of the next Month, to augment his Majeſty's Troops in Brabant; and the King has declared that he will ſend a greater number into thoſe Parts, if it ſhall appear neceſſary for the Service of the Common Cauſe. Directions are given, at the ſame time, for the early Recruiting all his Troops which have been in the Field this laſt Campaign. His Majeſty is quite recovered of his late Indiſpoſition; but has not yet appeared in Publick, by reaſon of the Coldneſs of the Weather, which has been ſo exceſſive that ſeveral, who have come early with their Corn to this City, have been found frozen to death at the opening of the Gates. His Majeſty has lately taken occaſion to expreſs his Satisfaction on the Behaviour of his Troops at the Battel of Wynnendale; and to ſhow his Approbation of the Conduct and Bravery of Major-General Webb, under whoſe Command they acted, his Majeſty has ſent the Major-General the Croſs of the Order of Generoſity. Letters from Michow of the 15th of the laſt Month ſay, that the Muſcovites had taken a Reſolution to diſarm all the Coſſacks in that Garriſon; but that Deſign being diſcovered, the Coſſacks made their Eſcape. The Muſcovites have undermined the Baſtions of that Place, in order to blow them up when they march from thence. We hear by Advices from Mohilow of the 10th of the laſt Month, that the King of Sweden was at Zepzak on the Frontier of Ukrania, and the Czar at Novogroduck.

Berne, January 16. N. S. This Canton has lately received a Letter from the Emperor about the Affair of Tockenburg, in which he exhorts them to Accommodate that

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